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Personnel scenario

## County considers new administrative study

A proposed personnel administration study which could cost the county as much as $8,000 was discussed at the regular meeting of the Appomattox Board of Supervisors Friday.

The study, which Board Chairman S. R. Lawson sais was needed in Appomattox County, was outlined by William W. Hibbert, executive director of the Central Virginia Planning District Commission.

The study would update information regarding the duties of the county's 20 administrative employees, according to Hibbert, and could include information regarding the county's ancillary employees, as well.

Included in the study would be a review of the job classification system currently used in Appomattox; an overview of the classification systems of neighboring and matched governmental jurisdictions; new classifications, specifications, and descriptions of county positions; a review of pay levels among county employees, and of mandates which affect county employees' pay, as well as comparisons of Appomattox County employees' pay levels with pay levels of neighboring public agencies; and development of a wage and salary scale, including incentive pay provisions.

The supervisors agreed that an updated study of the county's personnel scenario is needed, but balked at the estimated cost.

Lawson instructed Hibbert to procure more information on the study, which would, if approved, be conducted by the Central Virginia Planning District Commission staff. The supervisors will act on the proposed study at a later date, after additional information on the cost of the study has been received.

In another matter, board members instructed County Building Inspector Bill Caldwell to check on the feasibility of allowing septic-tank waste disposal at the county landfill.

Board member Franklin Vaughan noted that Frank Carwile, who runs a septic tank service business, had requested that the idea of waste disposal at the dump be considered.

According to Vaughan, Carwile had excavated four trenches on his private property at Spout Spring for the purpose of dumping waste material from septic tanks collected in the course of his business operations.

Neighbors and owners of land adjacent to Carwile's had complained of the resulting odor, however, and Carwile promptly stopped the dumping.

Vaughan noted that Carwile was not, according to the Health Department, breaking any rules, but had stopped at his neighbors' request(s).

Since then, he has been hauling the waste material to the Lynchburg sanitary landfill, where he must pay a dump fee and bear the cost of mileage to and from Lynchburg.

"He wants to see if he can dispose of the waste locally," Vaughan said, "in order to keep his expenses down so he can keep his business competitive."

The supervisors instructed Caldwell to study the request and its potential cost to the County, as well as any legal considerations involved in dumping septic tank waste at the county dump.

The supervisors voted to appoint John Hix to fill the term of Eugene Carson on the Central Virginia Planning District Commission, which will expire Dec. 31 of next year.

The board also voted to pass an ordinance which would place a $5 fee on any bad check passed to the county Treasurer's Office, and passed an ordinance establishing a ten percent penalty interest on overdue taxes.

WHEN THE APPOMATTOX COUNTY HIGH School Raiders face off against Greina in their season opener Sept. 5, their fans will be sitting in "as good as new" stadium. The stadium recently was painted in the school colors, red, blue and grey. In the above photo, Head Football Coach Stuart Justus, AHS Principal Don Armentrout, and Supervisor of School Maintenance Al Franklin survey the recently completed job, with Roger Thurston and Tom Priddy, representing the manufacturer and distributor of the paint used to refurbish the stadium. Franklin praised Joe and James Morgan, students at the high school, who worked with Coach Justus on painting the stadium. Priddy estimated that approximately 76 gallons of paint were used to do the job. The men agreed that the stadium's new look will be an asset to the Raider's efforts this season.

## All systems are 'go' for start of school

Teachers in the Appomattox County school system got an early start on the 1980-81 school session, as they began processing for the big arm of the students this coming Monday.

With the returning group of teachers are 23 new faces, including five new teachers assigned to newly created positions.

All schools will be open today and tomorrow (Thursday and Friday) from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., so that parents may come to the schools to pay students' fees.

Homeroom assignments were released this week (see page 9), as was this year's policy for free and reduced-price lunches (see page 8).

Any high school student who does not know his or her homeroom assignment can get that information in the cafeteria.

School officials are requesting that all students who drive to the high school use the north parking lot.

Students at the middle school who have not picked up their schedules should report to the cafeteria where Mrs. Bolling Carter, guidance counselor, will give them their homeroom number and teacher's name.

Students at the primary and elementary schools will be met by either parent volunteer, teacher, student guide, or theachers' aid on the first day of school.

School officials request that parents send their children to school on the bus the first day, particularly the primary and elementary school students, so that teachers may direct the pupils to the correct bus in the afternoon for the return trip home.

Lloyd Walton, superintendent of schools in Appomattox County, says many new programs from last year will be continued this year, and adds that there will be some additional new programs this year, as well as increased emphasis on some existing programs.

He notes that there will be a new program for children at the primary and elementary level with weaknesses in reading and math skills. This program will be funded entirely by the state, according to Walton.

In addition, there will be increased emphasis on programs and activities for the gifted and talented, as a result of increase appropriations from the state for these programs.

Walton noted that teachers have spent this week preparing for the arrival of the students Monday, and that the classroom instruction will begin immediately.

The schools will be closed for Labor Day, according to Walton, and when school reopens, all first-week kinks should be resolved and the students settled in for the 1980-81 session.

Says Walton, "We are very excited about the 1980-81 session. We feel we have a very competent staff, a well planned program of instruction, and adequate materials to meet the divergent range of student abilities and interests.

"School personnel look forward to involving parents and community agencies in improving student attendance by ten percent this year compared with last year," Walton continued, "and reducing discipline problems by ten percent in comparison with last year."

DR. WILLIAM W. PURKEY, a distinguished scholar from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, was at Appomattox County High School Monday. He spoke to the teachers there on "invitational education." Dr. Purkey is shown above talking with Dr. A. A. Fratrick, chairman of the Appomattox County School Board.

## Father Darkleaf

By CALVIN ROBINSON

Persevere is a five-dollar word meaning to stick in there, keep on keeping on and don't give up the ship. It is a good word; I have adopted it. In a period when bad news often scares the daylights out of us, we hear of earthquakes, hurricanes, shortages, riots and inflation. One has to persevere to find good news. When my favorite Yankees lose a ball game, I persevere until I fine some compensating good news. Hot and dry I persevere until I come upon a cool spot. And so I am happy to report some good news for Summer '80. We have not had as many gnats as usual this year. For several summers, Appomattox had pesky gnats to contend with. All over town and the area. I bought a bottle of citronella and sprayed my hat with it, but gnats got in my eyes. Lawnmowing and gardening became a burden because of gnats. But we found another way to spell Relief. No gnats. Thanks, we needed that.

During the week-end I heard some good words about Appomattox and that is sweet music. The gentleman was a visitor, a retired business man from Illinois and was looking for a morning paper. Any paper. I helped him find one and we had a nice chat. His vacation trip had taken him to several places and he was not too happy about prices and service. But he liked Appomattox. Motor court, food, service and the Park Service visit. And a plus, in his family was a car of same make and model year as mine and he gave some tips on how to keep it going. Thanks. I needed that.

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Opening football game for the AGHS Raiders, Greina, here, on Sept. 5.

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Bright tobacco markets are open and off to a fine start. Prices up a bit over last year and will go higher as better quality leaf is offered. Some farmers even say this may be our finest year. Thanks, we needed that.

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In some areas the last days of August mark the hayfever season. Most uncomfortable. But not as prevalent in Appomattox as in some places I have known.

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A hot and dry summer may cause tree leaves to turn to fall colors earlier than usual. Two friends dropped by for a visit Sunday after a motorcycle trip that carried them through Lexington and up to Goshen Pass. Beautiful country. Virginia has so much to offer in such trips that can be made in one day.

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School opening brings on so many activities. Challenges all of us to make a fresh start. I noticed the long list of things for students, parents and teachers to do in connection with the opening. The entire county will take on new life. Been a long time but I recall school opening mostly as wondering about the new teacher. And getting to wear my Sunday shoes every day. College was different. Getting one's trunk and gear moved. Maybe a new roommate and sizing up the new freshmen. I was head cheerleader so it was my assignment to whoop it up for school spirit. Ah yes, bright days ahead. Teamwork is the slogan. Here is a story: A minister met a young boy and asked, "Sonny, who made you?" The lad replied, "Well, to tell you the truth, I ain't done yet."

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Thanks for reading and see ya around.

*Arrest made*

## Man burned in incident

An Appomatox man was arrested and charged with destroying private property after a tractor-trailer gas tank exploded Aug. 16, according to the Appomattox County Sheriff's Department.

Timmy Ray Bryant, 19, of Route 3, Appomattox, was seriously burned while allegedly attempting to take gas from the tank of a tractor trailer owned by Reuben Almond, also of Route 3, a Sheriff's Department spokesman said.

The fire was started when a cigarette was dropped accidentally near the gas tank, while an attempt was being made to remove gas from the truck, the spokesman said.

The tank exploded, and in the ensuing fire, the truck was destroyed and Bryant received second and third degree burns on his arms, of his body.

Bryant was transported to Lynchburg General Hospital via the Appomattox County rescue squad, and was later charged with destroying private property.

A juvenile whose name is being withheld was also allegedly involved in this case, and charges are pending, according to the Sheriff's Department.

In a separate incident, four county men were arrested for an alleged breaking and entering offense at the residence of Fred Lawson on Aug. 9.

Darrell Gerard Schrock, Jerry Lee Woods, Terry Lee Woods, all of Appomattox, and Coy Dean Williamson, of Evergreen, were all arrested in connection with the incident, according to the Sheriff's Department.

The men were scheduled to appear in the Appomattox General District Court yesterday (Aug. 20) for arraignment.

## Old tombstones found in graveyard

By HARRIET A. CHILTON
Appomattox County Historical Society

This abandoned cemetery is located deep in the woods not far from the home of Mrs. Dan Thomas, adjacent to land formerly owned by her late husband. It is about two miles west of Spout Spring, Va., across the railroad from Route 460.

In a book **The Shearer-Akers Family**, published by the Rev. James W. Shearer in 1915, he wrote "the second (Old Concord) church was built about 1780...not far from the fork of the Richmond Pike and the Charlotte road. The graveyard is still seen in the midst of a grown up forest. About 1810 the present lot was selected....the present brick structure (was built) in 1854."

My sisters and I recently located this old cemetery with the assistance of Rev. James McNair of Concord, Va. There are approximately thirty graves which can be identified, but only five of them have tombstones, the rest are marked only with field stones. The five tombstones read as follows: W. M. Akers, died March 31, 1810 aged 80 years; the next one has only the inscription E. A., all the rest has weathered away; another reads Mar (y) Helm died Nov. 16, 1811 aged 93. A short distance behind these is one with the inscription "Here Lies The Body Of H. W. McReynolds, who depart ed this life the 18th of July 1794 aged 35 (85?) years. A small stone marks the grave of Nathaniel Patterson Juner departed this life ye 13 April age 14 1786.

In the Shearer-Akers book mentioned above I find the following information: "William Akers III born in 1730 died in 1810, buried in the second burial ground of Old Concord Presbyterian Church, where his tombstone now stands in a natural grove. The head stone is of dark colored native stone and the letters as distinct as if just carved." His wife was Elizabeth Martye. Her birth and death dates are not given in the book, but on the tombstone next to William Akers can be made out faintly the letters E.A.

My great great great grandfather, John Hunter who died in 1795 and his wife, Rachel McFarland Hunter who died in 1784, were buried in this cemetery but I have been unable to find any tombstones for them. In my Grandfather Chapman Hunter Chilton's 1898 Genealogy of the Hunter Family he wrote: "John Hunter and his wife, Rachel McFarland, raised a large family at Hunter's Tavern, 15 miles east of Lynchburg....They both died there and were buried at Concord 2nd which was south of the Hunter's Tavern one half mile."

We have made gravestone rubbings of the remaining five stones in order to preserve the original carving and to show the variety of shapes of the small stones, placed there almost two hundred years ago.

THE TOMBSTONE OF Nathaniel Patterson Juner, who died in 1786, is one of several discovered in an old graveyard near Concord.

*Family day*

## Pamplin set for big Saturday

Pamplin will be the scene of much bustling activity this Saturday as the final scheduled event of the summer season, "Family Day" gets under way at the Pamplin Community Center.

Activities will begin at 4:30 p.m. at the community center, which is located on old 460 east of the Pamplin town limits.

The "Country Drifters" of Red House and Lynchburg will provide music at the event from 4:30 to 7. This band is contributing its services at no charge to help make the event a success.

While the band is playing, a variety of activities will be underway for family members of all ages. Among the games and contests scheduled are a "dunk tank" (hit the target and drop someone into a tank of water), horseshoes, horse rides, a basketball toss, watermelon relay, pie-eating contest, tug o'war, and watermelon seed spitting contest. Prizes will be offered in many of the coompetitive games and contests.

Between 7 and 7:30 p.m., and old-timers' baseball game will be played, and awards will be presented to members of the Dixie Youth and Pamplin baseball teams.

Raymond "Pipe Man" Dickerson, organizer of the Old-Timers' Baseball exhibition, will present a certificate of recognition to the oldest player to participate in the game. In addition, three referees will select the "best" player in the Old-Timers' game.

A fireworks display will begin at 9:30 p.m., including an aerial and a ground exhibition. Jerry Stokes, town manager of Farmville, is in charge of the fireworks handlers committee.

Door prizes valued at from $1 to more than $10 will be awarded every 30 minutes.

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